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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Maria Salome Soares Pais et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1652  
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Application No.: 09/980,819 ) Examiner: Sheridan Swope  
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Filed: May 23, 2002 )  
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For: Production by Yeasts of Aspartic ) Confirmation No.: 1528  
Proteinases from Plant Origin with )  
Sheep's, Cow's, Goat's Milk, etc. )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE**

In response to the Restriction Requirement of February 17, 2004, applicants elect the claims of Group I. claims 1-8, 14-17, 20, 21, and 9-13.

With respect to the requirement for an election of species for Group I, applicants elect (C); yeast host cells that produce a plant aspartic proteinase with milk clotting activity and which cleaves milk casein. The claims readable on the elected species are claims 1-4, 7-11, 14-17 and 20.

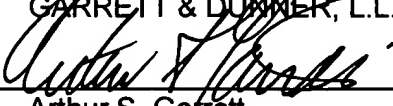
It is understood that the claims will only have to be restricted to the elected invention in the event a generic claim is not found to be allowable.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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